

Koputaroa School

Nurturing Confident, Future-Focused Learners



Kia ora e te whānau

Staffing Update

The Board are delighted to announce the appointment of **Larina Turner**, who was the successful applicant, following the resignation Laura Burling. Larina comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in literacy and numeracy, play-based learning, creating nurturing environments, and building excellent partnerships with whanau. Larina will join us from the start of 2026.

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Sarah Johnson who has held a fixed-term position covering Laura's parental leave, since July last year. Sarah has been a super creative, addition to our team and we thank her and wish her all the very best for her next learning journey.



Kōwhai Pod Years 0-3

Please remember to check the lost property which is now being stored in the outdoor space in the Tōtara Pod.

Kylie, The Sarahs', Claire, Esta



Tōtara Pod Years 4-6

We are working on athletics for PE at the moment so please ensure your child has suitable clothing for this, each day.

Rebecca, Rachel, Dan & Sharron



Kauri Pod Years 7 & 8

Thank you for your support with our cooking for Ag Day. We have been impressed with the items students have chosen and skill level demonstrated!

Robbie, Kerry, Janine & Sarah

Classroom / Pod Organisation - 2026

Kōwhai (Junior Pod / Phase 1)

Kiwi Class - Year 1 - Larina Turner - larina@koputaroa.school.nz

Tui Class - Year 2 - Kylie Edwards - (DP) kylie@koputaroa.school.nz

Kereru Class - Year 3 - Claire McCallum - claire@koputaroa.school.nz

Tōtara Pod (Middle Pod / Phase 2)

Pukeko Class - Year 4 - Rebecca Lock - (DP) rebecca@koputaroa.school.nz

Ruru Class - Year 5 - Dan Hutchinson - dan@koputaroa.school.nz

Kea Class - Year 6 - Rachel Rehu - rachel@koputaroa.school.nz

Kauri Pod (Senior / Phase 3)

Toroa Class - Year 7 - Kerry Courtney - kerry@koputaroa.school.nz

Kotuku Class - Year 8 - Robbie Edwards - robbie@koputaroa.school.nz

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GUMBOOT FRIDAY

We had a successful Gumboot Friday today raising funds for free counselling for students. Thank you for all of your support!

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RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return these to the office ASAP - we would like to draw this on Thursday - Ag Day

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AG DAY PLAN

10.15am - Students with animals go home to prepare
1.00pm - Animal Judging starts
 2.25pm - School finishes
 4.00pm - Class displays open
 4.00pm - Ag Day Fair starts
 7.00pm - Ag Day Fair finishes



TERM FOUR - UPCOMING DATES

WEEK 6	Tues 11 Nov Thur 13 Nov Fri 14 Nov	Smash Play Cricket Tournament Yrs 3/4, 5/6, 7/8 Ag Day - Animal judging from 1pm & Fair 4-7pm Kauri Pod Sharing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 7	Thur 20 Nov Fri 21 Nov	Interschool Athletics Yr 7/8 Singing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 8	Wed 26 Nov Thur 27 Nov Fri 28 Nov Fri 28 Nov	Interschool Athletics Yrs 4-6 Hardball Cricket Tournament Yr 7/8 Interschool Athletics Yrs 4-6 - Postponement date Tōtara Pod Sharing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 9	Fri 5 Dec	Singing Assembly 1.45pm
WEEK 10	Thur 11 Dec Fri 12 Dec Fri 12 Dec	Tōtara Camp Departs Tōtara Camp Returns Kōwhai Pod Sharing Assembly
WEEK 11	Thur 18 Dec Fr 19 Dec	Year 8 Graduation Evening End of Term 4 - Awards Assembly 1.30pm

Please note the school calendar is updated with events each week (Website and Skool loop app). Some information that is relevant only to particular groups or pods will come through the Skool Loop App, Facebook or Seesaw. You may also like us on Facebook, or visit our website www.koputaroa.school.nz

Ag Day - Timeline for Whānau

Monday 10th Nov:

Drop off any plants to Learning Centre

Return raffle tickets to the office

Drop off any non-perishable donations to the office

Bake Sale Plates sent home

Tuesday 11th Nov:

Drop off any plants to Learning Centre

Drop off any non-perishable donations to the office

Wednesday 12th Nov:

Drop off any plants to Learning Centre

Drop off any non-perishable donations to the office

Raffle tickets must be returned

Thursday 13th Nov:

(am) Drop off cakes to the Learning Centre



This term the board are reviewing the following policies.

These are available for whanau to review also.

Bullying & Harassment (board)

Behaviour Management (board)

Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property

Minimising Physical Restraint (board)

Stand down, Suspension & Exclusion

Staff Wellbeing & Safety

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